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SUBJECT: KIANO ON UNCTAD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER'S VISIT

1. AT LUNCH APRIL 14 AT MY HOUSE ALONE WITH DR. JULIUS KIANO,
MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND FORTHCOMING CHAIRMAN
OF MAY UNCTAD CONFERENCE, WE DISCUSSED UNCTAD AND SECRETARY
KISSINGER'S VISIT TO AFRICA.

2. UNCTAD:

A. PRESIDENT KENYATTA'S SPEECH HAS BEEN DRAFTED BY
DR. KIANO, AND HAS NOW BEEN SUBMITTED TO PERMANENT SECRETARY
(IN PRESIDENT'S OFFICE) KARIITHI FOR REVISIONS. KIANO
INCLUDED MENTION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA ("AFRICAN STATES WOULD
WONDER WHY IT WAS OMITTED."), AND EXTENDS WELCOME TO NEW
MEMBERS, INCLUDING ANGOLA, IF PRESENT. SPECIFIC MENTION
MADE OF COMMODITY PRICING; OTHER SUBJECTS WHICH CONFERENCE
EXPECTED TO DISCUSS WILL BE MENTIONED "BUT NO SOLUTIONS
RECOMMENDED, AS THAT WOULD BELIMPROPER."

B. DR. KIANO EXPECTS PLO MAY CHALLENGE SOUTH
AFRICA'S PRESENCE DURING CREDENTIALS MEETING. HOWEVER,
IF IN CHAIR, KIANO INTENDS ONLY TO "MAKE NOTE" OF POINT,
AND IF NECESSARY TO REMIND OBJECTOR THAT ALL MEMBERS OF
UN ARE WELCOME TO CONFERENCE, HENCE SOUTH AFRICA. KIANO
WILL TAKE OPPORTUNITY TO STRESS, IF APPROPRIATE TIMING
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OFFERED, THAT UNCTAD SHOULD NOT BE USED AS POLITICAL

FORUM.

C. KIANO REMAINS INTERESTED IN PROPOSING THAT SECRETARIAT OF COMMITTEE OF 77 BE LOCATED IN NAIROBI. HOWEVER, KIANO CONFESSED TO ME THAT HE WILL NOT PUSH RECOMMENDATION TOO FAR AS HE WOULD NOT WANT TO MAKE A PROPOSAL WHICH HE COULDN'T BE SURE WOULD SUCCEED. KIANO NEVERTHELESS FEELS STRONGLY THAT UNCTAD SECRETARIAT SHOULD BE IN AFRICA. IF NIGERIA WERE MORE SETTLED, THERE; OTHERWISE, LUSAKA, DAKAR, ABIDJAN OR ACCRA. HOPEFULLY, NOT ALGIERS, THOUGH CERTAINLY ALGERIANS WILL VOCALLY PRESS FOR IT.

D. KIANO FEELS THAT OAU SYG ETEKI WILL ASK TO SPEAK ON FIVE OR SIX MAY, BUT KIANO WILL DO WHAT HE CAN TO SEE HIS TURN IS PUT OFF UNTIL SEVEN MAY. KIANO VIEWS ETEKI'S VIEWS AND SPEECHES AS FAR TOO POLITICAL AND RASH.

E. RECEPTION: GOK RECEPTION FOR UNCTAD WILL BE GIVEN AT PARLIAMENT BUILDING ON MAY 5, 6:30 - 8:15 P.M. VICE PRESIDENT MOI WILL HOST.

3. KIANO ON KIANO: UNCTAD CHAIRMANSHIP IS, FOR HIM, THE CHALLENGE OF HIS LIFE. HIS PERFORMANCE (ABILITY TO HANDLE) MAY WELL INFLUENCE HIS FUTURE POLITICAL LIFE (IF HE DOES NOT SUCCEED). HIS KENYAN CRITICS WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ANY WEAKNESS HE MAY SHOW. KIANO IS INTERESTED IN REMAINING A MEMBER OF CABINET AS LONG AS KENYATTA LIVES.

4. SECRETARY KISSINGER:

A. KIANO IS CERTAIN THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER WILL BE ASKED, IF NOT BY GOK, THEN BY UNCTAD, FOR HIS VIEWS ON PM VORSTER'S VISIT TO ISRAEL, ITS IMPLICATIONS, AND U.S. POSITION. PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF UN VOTE WHICH TIED ZIONISM TO RACISM.

B. KIANO REFERRED BACK TO U.S. "CLEAR" INSINUATION THAT UN VOTES WOULD BE TIED TO U.S. AID. KIANO HOPED CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER WOULD NOT RAISE SUBJECT AT UNCTAD AS MATTER WOULD BE "MISUNDERSTOOD" BY UNCTAD ATTENDEES AND JUMPED ON BY 77.

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